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**3. Approaches and Pilot Data****there are about six pilots for this port****three of them spoke limited English, and the fourth spoke very good English -****Two lights have been****C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L**

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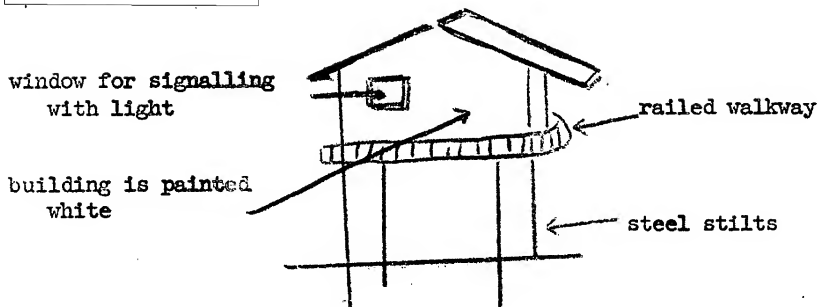
placed [ ] along a 090°-270° axis. These lights are to be lined up on approach and followed in until lights on Ile Des Aigrettes line up at 329°, at which time the vessel should turn to starboard and follow the latter lights in line, along a channel marked by buoys [ ] (positions approximate). These six buoys are lighted. The channel at low water is at least 27'. [ ] lights [ ] have been relocated to bear 303 rather than 275.

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c. Approach to berth is made along straight line [ ] areas [ ] are quite shallow, very dangerous, and not at all suitable for maneuvering. [ ]

A signal station,

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## 5. Berth

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[ ] 550 long tons of the cargo arrived from Pakhoi aboard the Chinese vessel HU MEN, [ ]

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b. About four Chinese worked on [ ] ship and about 100 on shore, working on a 24-hour day basis when labor was available [ ]

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[ ] seven days per week. The foreman spoke a little English, as did the tally clerk. One or two women were noted working on the wharf. [ ] the workers were not well-dressed (seems there was a shortage of clothing, too [ ] and their general proficiency was rated average.

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c. Berth depth is stated to be 34'. Water is available at berth. Coal and diesel bunkers are also available, [redacted] but, [redacted] one must make arrangements for them three months in advance. Berth area was lighted by at least three steel light poles, each about 50' high and carrying a cluster of four to five floodlights. These poles were 75-100' apart. [redacted] there may have been more of these floodlights, though [redacted] there were three. The berths to the south have lights attached to the transit sheds, [redacted]

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## 6. Harbor Craft

a. The HU MEN, noted in paragraph 5a, is [redacted] a 550'-ton-capacity river ferryboat [redacted] The HU MEN has one hatch forward and can carry deck cargo aft. In the area designated J (which, [redacted] is "very busy") were "hundreds of sampans." There are six tugs in subject harbor, [redacted]

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b. Other harbor floating craft included a floating sheer leg crane north of the area designated I, which was not in operation - which seemed, in fact, to be under repair. A big dredge which formerly was in subject port has been removed to Pakhoi, [redacted] One small bucket dredge, about 120' long, was anchored near the naval anchorage [redacted]

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## 7. Construction

A new harbor is [redacted] being constructed at Pakhoi to handle principally manganese ore. [redacted] its capacity will be limited to one vessel when completed.

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[redacted] a building has been constructed [redacted] which appears to be an ordinary shed; no windows, no flag, no activity observed, nondescript yellow-white color. Chimney is attached, but no smoke was observed coming from it. A fairly similar building, also new, has likewise been constructed during the past year [redacted] This building has one chimney about 50' high. Both buildings [redacted] were believed [redacted] to have something to do with gunpowder, [redacted]

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## 8. Port Facilities

[redacted] no dredging or harbor improvements underway. Cargo handling was [redacted] to be partially mechanized; most cargo was handled on low carts which could be pushed about physically or drawn by small four-wheel "donkeys." A limited number of trucks and automobiles were seen in the port area. Two small tractor-mounted cranes of about one-ton capacity were observed, and one two-ton capacity crane similarly mounted was used to lift cargo from a ferryboat to the wharf. [redacted] there are eight five-ton capacity cranes along the wharf. There were previously ten, but two had been dismantled (see paragraph 10 a). Ox carts were used to bring an estimated 7-8000 live pigs to the port for loading on a Chinese coaster. [redacted]

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[redacted] The pigs were packed singly in long wicker baskets with their feet so bent under them that they couldn't climb out. These baskets could then be handled like so much cord wood. [redacted] only two pigs escaped - both to be recaptured after a lively chase. Petroleum pier, designator M, was observed in use only once [redacted] a Soviet tanker with a 10-12 thousand ton carrying capacity discharged there directly into railroad tank cars. These cars are described as small - 10-15 ton capacity each, and were handled in groups of about 10 by the steam locomotive observed there.

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10. Naval Vessels and Installations

a. Two unidentified naval vessels were observed berthed [redacted]

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[redacted] this area had been dredged to accommodate naval vessels. Two or three LSTs and one small DD were observed in naval anchorage

[redacted] No maneuvering or unusual ship handling was noted, although they handled the vessels well. All LSTs were painted dark grey, one observed having a very good paint job, another only fair. These vessels flew two flags; the standard Chinese Communist ensign and another believed [redacted] to be the customs flag - red and yellow stripes with a red field in the upper inside corner bearing a yellow star.

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[redacted] there is a new, large naval station [redacted] four new buildings of three or four stories each, and each building was 75 by 100 yards. [redacted] there are two thousand men in that area.

11. Miscellaneous An airport located [redacted]

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at "about a mile, certainly less than four miles" west of port area) seems to be used by commercial planes only; two planes similar to the DC-3 type arrive and depart the same day, twice a week. [redacted]

[redacted] one can see the control tower from the port area. On the wharf [redacted] was complete machinery for setting up a sugar mill.

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